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1. Shlomo GROSSAR, State of Israel Minister in Rome, at 1000 hours, 12 March 1950, received ~~WINGSTEIN~~, aka ~~PIENKSTEIN~~ aka ~~PHILHESSEN~~, aka ~~VICHESTEIN~~, Belgian national, resident in Milan, suspected purchaser of arms, with whom he had a long conversation behind closed doors, in the presence of Ben Zion KADURI and ~~ARLEGORN~~, respectively, Counsellor and 1st Secretary of the Legation.
2. On 12 March 1950 the Minister went to Via Montebello 365, Villa Maria Pia, to visit the Apostolic Nuncio, Monsignor Francesco TONCONGIO DIUCA. At 1730 hours, 15 March, the Minister went to Palazzo Barberini for a reception held by General ~~Claudio~~ ~~VALANI~~, Chief of the General Staff.
3. At 2030 hours, 16 March 1950, Minister GROSSAR entertained the following named at dinner in his home on Viale di Villa Massimo 33:
  - a) Bernabe Segrel ~~GONZALES RIOS~~, Argentine Ambassador, and wife;
  - b) ~~GRUSKA~~, Under Secretary of Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
  - c) ~~CAROTTA~~, Director General of Public Health, and wife;
  - d) ~~KADURI~~ Ben Zion, Counsellor of the Israel Legation, and wife.
4. At the Quirino theater in Rome from 28 to 31 March there was held four extraordinary performances under the patronage of Minister GROSSAR by the lyric company of the Ohel Theater of Tel Aviv. Minister GROSSAR sent tickets to the following named persons:

(Count) ~~SFORZA~~, Minister of Foreign Affairs; / / /  
(Hon.) ~~USKOC~~, Under Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs;  
French and Polish Ambassadors;  
Rumanian, Hungarian, Albanian, Hungarian, Dutch, Czechoslovak and Yugoslav Ministers;  
(Marquise) ~~MILANI~~, head of Ceremonies of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs;  
(Archibishop) ~~SOLA CANARINI~~, Vice-head of Ceremonies of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs;  
(Count) ~~OPPI~~, Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs;  
Consul General ~~VERLANDINI~~, Vice-Director General of the Foreign Culture Relations Directorate.
5. Minister GROSSAR and dependent functionaries of the Legation celebrated Jewish Easter at Lungotevere Cenci 14 in the headquarters of the Israel Community where they stayed from the early hours of the afternoon of 1 April until 0200 hours the following day.
6. On 3 April 1950 Minister GROSSAR invited to dinner at his home ~~General DORI aka Dory Ray ALLOUACOS~~, Minister of Defense of the State of Israel and his wife.  
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7. On the morning of 7 April Minister GROSSAR departed with his wife by automobile allegedly for a trip to Assisi, Foligno, San Marino and Ravenna, returning to Rome at 1800 hours the following day.

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6. ~~Emmanuel KADURI~~, Counselor of the Israel Legation, on 26 and 27 March received the above mentioned FLEININGERSTEIN, who came to Rome from Milan in a Plymouth automobile, license B. 662712. On 2 April 1950 KADURI departed for Florence, returning to Rome on 8 April 1950.
9. Aris ORON, 1st Secretary of the Legation and FLEININGERSTEIN went to the Ministry of Defense at 1130 hours, 20 March. It was reported on 29 March 1950 that ORON from time to time receives in his office the lawyer Massimo TECOLIO, businessman, living in Genoa, Passo Ascard No. 3. After each visit ORON goes in to the radio and photographic office, where employees and low ranking personnel of the Legation are known to be prohibited entrance. Avv. TECOLIO stays at the Hotel Atlantico in Rome where he receives visits from many Israeli officials and Italiens.
10. It was reported that ~~Dmitriev and Sviridov~~ ~~YUZYK~~, attached to the Soviet Intelligence Service, have returned to their offices in the Legation after a long absence from Rome. AVNY received a telephone call from Geneva at 1630 hours, 11 April.
11. The person who has been mentioned as ~~YUZYK~~, assigned to radio transmissions of the Israel Legation, on leaving Rome on 5 January 1950, was identified as Michael TARARI. This was revealed from a post card sent to his colleague from the following address: HACHSHAL, 2-S.R. Tel Aviv.
12. ~~Abramo~~ Galo, son of Leone, head of the photo lab of the Israel Legation, departed on 25 March by automobile for an unknown destination, returning to Rome on 31 March.
13. On 20 March 1950 it was reported that ~~Eliyahu~~ RECHES, from time to time, has talks at the Pianetta theater with unidentified Egyptians.
14. ~~KEDRON~~ Abraham, Israel citizen, service passport No. 461, issued on 31 October 1949, arrived at the Ciampino Airport on 29 March 1950, coming from Paris. It was reported that he has been working for about two months in the Legation as head of clerical personnel. He is the son of Shlomo and of Rivka LIEKMAN, born at Oujda on 19 November 1919, living at Corsu Trieste 171. He came to Italy from Paris. It was added that from time to time he makes trips by air and by rail to Paris.
15. It was reported that the Austrian Jew, ~~Zvi~~ ~~EPAPZAKAI~~, son of Carlo and of Paula, born in Vienna on 26 March 1920, has been working since 2 February as Secretary of the Consular Section of the Legation. He came to Rome from Tel Aviv with passport No. 526 (service) issued on 23 January 1950.
16. The pigeons, previously reported, which are believed to have been acquired abroad for the Israel government are 13 in number. On 10 March 1950 they were returned to the box in which they arrived in Rome and taken by automobile to Ciampino Airport and consigned to the Captain of the Israel civilian airplane going to Tel Aviv.
17. Ben Maimon ~~CHAYEP~~, born in Vienna on 15 February 1918, Consular inspector of the State of Israel, passport No. 427, issued on 27 September 1949 at Hakirya, arrived in Rome on 20 March 1950 and took lodgings at the Hotel Plaza.
18. Benjamin ~~CHAYEP~~, citizen of the State of Israel, service passport No. 545, issued on 12 February 1950 at Hakirya on 13 March came to Rome from Lydda.

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29. Jacot ~~DUY~~ and Badami ~~DOY~~, diplomats, bearers of passports No. 357 and 338 respectively, issued on 30 October 1949 at HaKiryah, arrived in Rome on 1 April 1950 and took lodgings at the Hotel Eden. On 5 April they departed for an unknown destination by air.
20. Levy ~~ESKOL~~, citizen of the State of Israel, service passport No. 106, issued on 20 January 1949 at HaKiryah, on 11 March came to Rome and took lodgings at the Hotel Mediterraneo.
21. Victor ~~ABUZAL~~, Counselor of the Air Attaché to the Ministry of Transport and Communications of the State of Israel, service passport No. 536, issued on 2 February 1950 at HaKiryah, on 29 March came to Rome and took lodgings at the Hotel Bernini.
22. Ben ~~ISEHAI~~, diplomatic passport No. 143, issued on 2 September 1949 at HaKiryah, on 14 March 1950 came to Rome accompanied by his wife and took lodgings at the Hotel Flora.
23. Hayam ~~ASSI~~, officer of the Israel Navy, bearer of ordinary passport No. 08716, issued on 21 August 1949 at HaKiryah, arrived at the Hotel Massico d'Azeffio, Rome on 3 April. On 4 April he departed for an unknown destination.

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